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So far as the last statement is concerned, the selective elimination there recorded must be of very recent origin, for tetramerous ovaries of the bladder-nut are the exception rather than the rule. And if the elimination continues ever so slowly tetramerous ovaries of the bladder-nut must eventually become perfectly normal abnormalities.

N. T.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

NOVEMBER 8, 1910

The meeting was called to order at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:30 P. M., with Dr. E. B. Southwick in the chair. Forty-six persons were present. The minutes of the meeting of October 26 were read and approved.

The announced paper of the evening on "The Native Trees of Northeastern United States" was then presented by Mr. Norman Taylor. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. Adjourned.

PERCY WILSON,
Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

The Naples Table Association for promoting Laboratory Research by Women wishes to call attention to the opportunities for research in zoölogy, botany and physiology provided by the foundation of this table. The year of the Association begins in April and all applications for the year 1911-12 should be sent to the Secretary on or before *March first, 1911*. The appointments are made by the Executive Committee.

A prize of \$1,000 has been offered periodically by the Association for the best thesis written by a woman, on a scientific subject, embodying new observations and new conclusions based on an independent laboratory research in biological, chemical or physical science. The fourth prize will be awarded in April, 1911. Application blanks, information in regard to the advantages at Naples for research and collection of material, and circulars giving

the conditions of the award of the prize will be furnished by the Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Mead, 283 Wayland Avenue, Providence, R. I.

At the New York Botanical Garden, Dr. Arthur Hollick has gone to Washington on a six month's leave of absence to study Alaskan fossils, and Dr. J. A. Shafer and Mr. Percy Wilson have gone to eastern and western Cuba respectively to continue the botanical exploration of that island. Volume 6, no. 22, of the BULLETIN, containing descriptions of many new Bolivian plants by Dr. H. H. Rusby, was issued 30 of November. Volume 3, part 1 of North American Flora appeared 29 of December. It contains the order by Hypocreales.

The college entrance examination board at its recent meeting appointed the following to prepare examination questions in botany for 1911. W. W. Rowlee, Cornell, chief examiner, M. E. Kennedy, Mount Holyoke, and Louis Murbach, Detroit, associates.

In the recently issued second edition of "American Men of Science," the editor, Prof. J. McKeen Cattell, as the result of an elaborate statistical study, ranks the five leading institutions in the following order of botanical eminence: Harvard, New York Botanical Garden, U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Chicago University, and Cornell University.

Dr. Charles E. Bessey, professor of botany and dean at the University of Nebraska, has been elected president of the 1911 Meeting of the A. A. A. S. to be held at Washington, beginning December 27, 1911.

The Botanical Society of America has elected professor W. G. Farlow, of Harvard University, as its president for 1911.